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SUBJECT: FEBRUARY 1 GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS

1. MAJOR STORIES HEADLINE UNACCEPTABILITY OF TURKISH PROPOSALS
ON NICOSIA AIRPORT AND FAMAGUSTA PORT AND RESULTANT LACK OF
PROGRESS IN TALKS. ALSO NOTED IS YESTERDAY'S MEETING OF NATIONAL
COUNCIL IN WHICH UNDEFINED "IMPORTANT DECISIONS" CONCERNING LACK
OF PROGRESS WERE TAKEN WHICH WILL BE IMPLEMENTED "WITHIN NEXT FEW
DAYS." MAKARIOS INTERVIEW WITH ITALIAN RADIO/TV COVERED LITTLE
NEW GROUND EXCEPT TO EMPHASIZE THAT "A DEGREE OF AUTONOMY" CAN
BE GIVEN TO BOTH GREEK AND TURKS WITHOUT DIVIDING ISLAND. FINALLY,
ALL PAPERS REPORT SECRETARY KISSINGER'S FEB 1 PLANNED MEETING
WITH US CONGRESSMEN. SEVERAL PAPERS CARRY STORIES DETAILING
MAIN POINTS OF FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER KYPRIANOU'S INTERVIEW
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WITH ATHENS DAILY KATHIMERINI IN WHICH HE ASSERTS THAT US

BEARS ENORMOUS RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEVELOPMENTS IN CYPRUS, THAT SOVIET UNION CONSTITUTES AN IMPORTANT FACTOR FOR "PRACTICAL CONTRIBUTIONS" TO CYPRUS PROBLEM, AND THAT ISSUE OF ABOLITION OF BRITISH BASES IN CYPRUS HAS BEEN RIGHTLY RAISED.

2. EDITORIALS: FRONT PAGE COMMENT IN CLERIDES' SUPPORTING AGHON ATTACKS DR KISSINGER'S "NEW MACHINATIONS" AND CALLS ON GREEK CYPRIOTS TO PROVIDE CONGRESS WITH NECESSARY ELEMENTS FOR FACING KISSINGER. CLAIMS THAT SECRETARY'S FAVORING AID TO TURKEY REGARDLESS OF PROGRESS ON CYPRUS ONLY MAKES TURKS MORE INTRANSIGENT AND DEMANDING. COMMUNIST HARAVGHI REPEATS ALLEGATIONS OF AMERICAN COMPLICITY IN REMOVAL OF TURKISH CYPRIOT REFUGEES FROM BRITISH BASES. RIGHTIST MACHI CALLS ON GOC TO INVITE WALDHEIM TO VISIT CYPRUS. LEFTIST TA NEA RIDICULES KISSINGER'S ATTEMPTS TO PRETEND PROGRESS BY CLAIMING WITHDRAWAL OF 1,000 TURKISH TROOPS. MAKARIOS SUPPORTER ELEFTHEROS LAOS CALLS ON GOC TO DEMAND UNSC IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS MANY RESOLUTIONS AND TO FOLLOW UP NEW SOVIET INTEREST IN CYPRUS. URGES MAKARIOS TO SPEAK PUBLICALLY AND EXPOSE KISSINGER'S MACHINATIONS IN ORDER TO AVOID CIA PREPARATIONS FOR A NEW COUP.

3. CBC RADIO REPORTS MORNING FEB 1 THAT ACCORDING TO VOA, AMERICAN OFFICIALS HAVE INDICATED SECRETARY WILL MEET GREEK AND TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTERS IN MID-FEBRUARY "PROBABLY IN LONDON OR PARIS."
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